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**Process for determining vehicle dynamic properties, e.g. such as slip angle**

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Abstract (Basic): EP 945319 A1

NOVELTY - The process involves optically monitoring, in real time, using a camera (64) and a strobe light (62) mounted on the vehicle (60) itself, the movement in one or more camera images of surface-features as the vehicle passes over the surface. The direction in which the surface features are moving at any given time indicates the actual direction of vehicle movement with respect to the orientation of the optical monitoring equipment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - The slip angle can be calculated from the actual direction of movement, in combination with the known orientation of the optical monitoring equipment and the direction in which the vehicle is being steered. Features of surface indicate optically distinguishable features that contrast with the majority of the surface, e.g. imperfections, discolorations.

USE - For determining vehicle dynamic properties, especially the slip angle of an automobile.

ADVANTAGE - The determination process is simple and it reliably and more directly measures the dynamics of the vehicle.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows an apparatus suitable for use in performing the method.

Vehicle (60)

Strobe light (62)

Camera (64)

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